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PORTO RICO.

Reports from San Juan and subports.

Chief Quarantine Officer King reports, November 5, as follows:

Report of the quarantine transactions of this and the 6 subports of the island of Porto Rico for the month of October, 1903:

San Juan.—Vessels inspected, 17; bills of health issued, 21; pieces of baggage disinfected, 0; persons vaccinated, 0; vessels disinfected, 0; persons detained at the quarantine station for observation, 11; vessels detained in quarantine under guard, 3.

The American steamers *Caracas* and *Philadelphia* arrived on their regular schedule from Venezuelan ports and Curaçao on the 7th and 21st instants, respectively, both vessels touching here for a few hours only, bound north for New York. Both were placed in quarantine under guard while here. The *Caracas* carried 6 passengers for San Juan, 4 of whom were considered nonimmunes and removed for detention and observation to the quarantine station. The *Philadelphia* brought 3 nonimmunes, and these were detained in quarantine as usual.

On the 22d instant the Spanish steamship *Montserrat* arrived from Habana via Port Limon, Colon, Sabanilla, Curaçao, Porto Cabello, and La Guayra. This vessel remained in port about twenty-four hours. The usual quarantine restrictions were enforced while the vessel was in the harbor, and 4 of the 9 passengers for San Juan being considered nonimmunes were taken to the island for detention and observation.

There exists at present in the city of San Juan two cases of varioloid, mild in character and well isolated.

The following is a summary of the inspection work done at the six subports during the month: At Mayaguez, 7; Arecibo, 1; Humaçao, 0; Aguadilla, 3; Fajardo, 1; Arroyo, 0.

The following embraces the mortality statistics received from the subports: Mayaguez, 94; Arecibo, 95; Humaçao, 42; Aguadilla, 42; Fajardo, 32; Arroyo, 16.

Nothing of special interest has been reported from any of the subports.

Vital statistics of the city of San Juan, P. R., October, 1903.

Meningitis	3	Enteritis	5
Malarial fever, pernicious	3	Gastro-enteritis	6
Tetanus	4	Entero-colitis	1
Tubercle of lungs	8	Cholera infantum	1
Tuberculosis of intestines	1	Cirrhosis of liver	1
Cancer (intestine, 1; uterus)	2	Peritonitis	1
Rickets	3	Nephritis	1
Anemia	2	Post-partum hemorrhage	1
Old age	1	Herpes	1
Myelitis	1	Diarrhea, infantile	1
Cerebral softening	1	Drowned	3
Hydrocephalus	1	Stillborn	9
Epilepsy	1		
Pericarditis	1	Total	73
Valvular disease of heart	4	November, 1903:	
Hypertrophy of heart	1	Deaths	73
Angina pectoris	1	Births	74
Bronchitis, chronic	2	November, 1902:	
Broncho-pneumonia	1	Deaths	90
Gangrene of stomach	1	Births	74